

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRWOMAN

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CHAIRWOMAN DIMITRIJEVIC TO CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH DAY

**Milwaukee**, **WI** – Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic will participate in Milwaukee's Juneteenth Day parade on Tuesday, June 19.

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and a number of her colleagues will march alongside a

new clean diesel Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) bus. MCTS will also hand

out children's activity books and crayons throughout the parade route.

"Many of my colleagues and I are excited to honor African-American heritage in Milwaukee," Chairwoman Dimitrijevic said. "The Juneteenth Day parade is a great opportunity to meet with residents and honor the progress we have made on civil rights. Milwaukee County is the most diverse county in Wisconsin, and that diversity is our

strength."

Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic

Juneteenth Day Parade

Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Intersection of N. 19th Street and W. Atkinson Avenue

Juneteenth Day was first celebrated in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, and marks the ending of slavery in the United States. In 2009, then-Governor Jim Doyle signed a bill recognizing Juneteenth as a legal holiday in the state of Wisconsin.

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